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BUSINESS, LABOR & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
EXHIBIT No. 2
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BILL No. HB 255

To: Senate Business, Labor and Economic Development Committee

From: H. Ray Gibbons, FACHE *rd*

Date: March 7, 2007

RE: HB 255 – Cosmetology

My comments are as follows:

- ◆ The intent of HB 255 is to allow the licensed cosmetologists to come into a facility and provide their services without the burden of an additional license and set of rules.
- ◆ We have 26 residents in our facility and a single room with salon chair for family members to use for their loved ones.
- ◆ We use only licensed individuals that practice per the current licensing law to provide perms, coloring, and cuts.
- ◆ My view is the salon room is surveyed for cleanliness and life/safety regulations by the MT Department of Health and Human Services annually.
- ◆ Redundant surveys usually increase cost for the facility.

I support HB 255 because it clarifies place of residence to include assisted living and nursing home facilities. We need to allow our residents and families to have a choice when we can safely do so, which this bill does.